S.No.	Name of the State	Tiger	Leopard
4.	Assam	458	N.A.
5.	257	431	
KcMaharashtra			
6.	Madhya Pradesh	927	1851
7.	West Bengal	361	N.A.
8.	Uttar Pradesh	475	1412
9.	Bihar*	103	N.A.
10.	Mizoram	12	28
11.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	15

* Estimation was not carried out in the entire State.

Pressure on coral reefs

4148. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zoological Survey of India has revealed the tremendous pressure on coral reefs in the country due to human activities, coral mining and sand mining in coral areas;

(b) if so, the areas affected by these activities; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) During the course of its usual survey work of the coral reef areas for fauna, the Zoological Survey of India has observed activities of coral mining and sand mining in such areas.

(c) The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification (1991) issued by Govt. of India under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 prohibits the use of corals and sands from the beaches and coastal water for construction and other purposes. Dredging and underwater blasting in and around coral formations is also prohibited. Collection and destruction of corals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is banned under the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fisheries Regulation read with the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shell Fishing Rules, 1978. In addition to these regulatory measures, financial assistance is provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Govt. of Gujarat, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administration for implementation of management action plans for conservation and management of coral reefs under the scheme entitled Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs. Global Environment Facility (GEF) has agreed to extend financial assistance to the tune of US $ 345,000 to develop a Management Plan for selected sites of coral reefs in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

"Projects pending in Andhra Pradesh for environmental clearance"

4149. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether talks were held with the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on the pending projects of the State for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present position of environmental clearance to Tail Pond Dam at Nagarjuna Sagar and Velugonda project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The purposes for Tail Pond Dam at Nagarjuna Sagar is under consideration. Velugonda project has not been received for environmental clearance in the Ministry.